German Child Romances.

Every age and every country has its ro mance, but the romance of childhood belongs more especially to Germany. Won-derful tales of fairies and Kobolds, of pixies and watersprites, of dwarfs and glants are sung over the babes in the cradle, told by the fireside of every but and cottage to the wondering, eager little blonde-haired children, whose eyes are so full of earnest-ness and belief. What histories are connected, with the fir-trees, with the beloved and venerated Christbours! What legends lurk in the caves and woody hollows! Though it be yet summer, the child sees in fancy the beautiful Weinstehnburm adorned with splendid sparkling things, as the Gospel is adorned with promises and hopes ; rich the gifts, as the three Kings were rich; pointing to beaven as the angel pointed bright as those very heavens were bright with silver-winged messengers; crowned with gold as the Word was crowned; odorous like the frankincense; sparkling like the star; spreading forth its arms full of peace and good will on every side; hold-ing out gifts and promises for all. And they see old King Winter making ready for his journey from the North Pole; his spiked crown of icicies on his head, his long white beard is frozen; his snow mantle and ice sceptre, and rubicund nose, and good-humored laugh; all are familiar to them. He comes in a sledge drawn by reindeer, and with him comes his queen, Frau Holle, who, like a tender wife, stuffs his cushion with snow-flakes; they are attended by their trusty servant Knecht Ruprecht, the Weinatchsmann, he who knows all about the good and naughty children And the vassals of King Winter, when they know he is coming, hasten to spread beautiful rime carpets before him; and, as he loves fine mirrors, Knecht Ruprecht lays clear crystal looking-glasses over the lakes and rivers for his lord and master's delight. There are no leaves on the trees, Hollander, and the Tasmanian, differing (only the ever-falthful fir is green,) so the from each other, differ yet more widely trusty servant hangs glittering ice-spangles on the bare branches. Flowers there are ghastly are the prepared heads from the none to cast before his sovereign's feet on his entry into those more southern lands. and so be traces beautiful frost flowers on all the window-panes to gladden the stern old monarch's heart. And the sun rises in the morning and gazes with wonder at the result of Knecht Ruprecht's midnight in-dustry, and sinks to rest again after his brief day without having robbed the whitebearded Winter king of one of his delicate frost flowers; and when all is ready Knecht Ruprecht is sent forth to hear news of the good children; the Winter King and Frau Holle begin to adorn the fir-trees with march-pane and gilded nuts, apples, quinces, and a thousand tempting sweetmests. K necht Ruprecht comes back with his tidings, and the tapers will soon be lighted For the naughty children Fran Holle has been pointing a moral with birch-rods cut in the forest, and adorning a tale with the bright-colored ribands that bind those instruments of judicious torture.-London

Cutting Down Forests Affecting Cli-

We have many times called attention to instances of the injurious effects on climate of the wholesale cutting down of forests. An interesting account, communicated some time ago to the Linnscan Society by Dr. Shaw, furnishes an example of another kind, and shows us how the vegerified on seeing a monster black anake fation and climate of the wood-producing crawl upon the rock and put its head on region of the Cape Colony are being changregion of the Cape Colony are being chang-ed for the worse by "a persistent and snake was the largest he ever saw, being is no telling how many millions of money greedy system of overstocking." The region in question is known as the "Midlands;" situate far in the interior beyond was feeding the snake, which at short inthe Sneeuwberg range (or snowy Mounwas the pasture-ground of thousands of antelopes and other animals, which, following the rains, migrated from one end to the other. It is very different now.

When first introduced, the sheep thrived so in that prairie land that the settlers erowded it more and more with abeep. from the rock and looked in all directions, Soon the grass was all devoured, and and then it returned to the boy's lap, and plants and shrubs were attacked, and came the father returned home and awaited the to be the main resource of the flocks. The boy's return, which was, as usual, at n.on. the Pacific Coast. At Ralston's woard he to be the main resource of the flocks. The boy's return, which was, as usual, at mon. ground was consequently left to bush and When told that he had been seen playing serub, and to obnoxious and poisonous herbs, and the intoxicating Melica-the ling he met the snake he liked to play with "The climate," says Mr. Shaw, "necessa-

rily became affected. The rainfall came something told him that he must meet the down less certainly, and oftener in the form of thunder-torrents. Side by side said he was late, and when he reached the with the attacks of the flocks the more place the snake was standing up, and it subtle and insidious agency of a changing climate came into power. The hardy plants to the rock. Next morning the father and of the Karoo commenced to travel north- two of the neighbors went to the place ward, and added their energies to the ex- with gons, and at the usual time the snake tirpating of the indigenous and proper flo-ra of the region, and being of a bitter and nauseous character they enjoyed immunity, and were only eaten by sheep in circumstances of direnccessity. Sweet bush, such as Lyciums, vanished before them; and the veld has become what is called by the farmers, and indeed is now, a "bitter veld," and is rapidly becoming an extension of dreary, scrubby, half-desert Ka-roo." Besides all this, the ground becomes harder, and the perennial springs weaker.

It is clear that if some remedial measures are not applied, this once prosperous region will become a wilderness. Dr. Shaw is of opinion that the Cape Government should "experiment on the introduction of being contented with constant "drudgery" grasses," and by the construction of colossal dams, save the country, keep up the deep springs, and in connection therewith, rear the beginnings of forests, to modify and sunny-faced though very earnest man and increase the rainfall." Nothing stops who said to us lately, "I am getting out of the extension of the "wild Karoo," as Barry Cornwall calls it, so effectually as permanent moisture. As Dr. Shaw says in conclusion: "It is certainly a subject of sadly interrupt slarm to the the country when it is known our church life." that a drier season than usual entails povthat a drier season than usual entails poverly and death to an incalculable extent among our flocks in South Africa. Some tracts of country are poisoned by the extraordinary increase of the Tripteris fixuses; and transport riders, with their oxen, (our only carrying power), have to travel through certain parts of the country without pausing, on account of the Melica, grasses which have increased within the past few years to a degree scarcely credible, and on eating which cattle become intoxicated to an alarming extent,"—Chambers's Journal.

If A owns \$5000 and B owns nothing, it is certainly fair that A should pay taxes on \$5000 and B on nothing. If B borrows A's \$5000 and buys a bome with it, giving a mortgage as security, considering that the two together own but \$5000, where is the justice of taxing them on \$10,000? Again, If B by his labor, makes and saves \$5000, and pays off his mortgage, making the property of the two \$10,000 where is the sense in taxing them jointly no more than when they jointly owned but half that sum ?-Boston Transcript.

-Commo lore Perry's flag-ship, the Lawrence, sunk in Erie Harbor sixty-two years ago, was on Monday raised and the bottom found to be in a good state of preservation. She is to be exhibited at the Con-

FAMOUS SKELETONS IN THE ROYAL COL-LEGE OF SURGEONS,-Here are skeletons enough to stock another church of St. Urs-ula like that at Cologne. Attending first of

On board her Majesty's ship Euryale, there was a large black monkey with a long tall for whom the master had a particular aversion; he was convinced that it would all to the genus bimana-it is extraordinasome day get at and injure the chron ry bow naturally hard words come to one in the College of Surgeons-we find the ter of which he was in charge, and he al-ways kept his room fast locked. One day, skeletons of sundry remarkable persons in odd juxtsposition. Charles O'Brien, the however, the monkey crept in, carried of famous Irish giant who died in 1783, is said the chronometer, and rushed up the rigto have had a confirmed and, as it appears, well-founded horror that the surgging with it in his hand, the poor maste following with the tears in his eyes, while ons would be on the watch for his remains. all the sailors in the ship were set to try and catch the thief. Higher and higher they climbed, but still the mankey kept Just before he died-of too much good liqnor, at the age of twenty-two-be made disposition for his burial, requesting that be might be sunk in the sea, far beyond above them, and when they were within an inch of him he dropped from one part low-water mark. All his fears and schemes, of the rigging to another, with only a glanhowever, proved useless to avert his fate, or rather the fate of his bones to remain cing hold on the ropes, where nothing but a four-armed beast with a probensile tail could follow. At last one active fellow above ground. At a cost, it is said, of £300 his body was secured and the skeleton preelimbed closer and closer, there was no pared. He was, if we are to believe all we outlet right or left, above or below, his hand was almost seizing the creature's leg, hear, eight feet two inches high during life, the skeleton, however, measures only sevwhen suddenly the beast, seeing he was en feet seven. Other skeletons are there brought to bay, waved the chronometer victously over his head, raised his arm as of giants and dwarfs, and one of a middlesized thick-set man, not remarkable from high as possible, and then flung it as far as an anatomical point of view, but otherwise he could into the sea. A monkey on board another Queen's ship feil overboard in interesting enough. It is that of a famous individual, no less than "Jonathan Wild very bad weather; the sea was so high that the Captain refused to allow a boat to the Great," who, in the language of his biographer, Henry Fielding, finally "swung out of the world," By the side of the skeleton is the coffin-plate bearing the inbe lowered; but the feeling of the sailors for their pet was so great that at last be gave way. They rowed round and round scription, "Mr. Jonathan Wilde, Died in vain, and were returning sadiy up the May 24th, 1725. In ye 42nd year of bisago" ship's side, when they saw the monker -a date which clashes considerably with who had elimbed up by the chain of the Fielding's narrative, which sets down as rudder, mocking and grinning at them for the birth-day of his hero that on which the great plague broke out in 1661. Almost their useless pains as he sat on the figure head. Another monkey, one Jocko, on equally interesting is the skull of Thurtell, board the --- , much petted by the sailor the murderer of Mr. Weare. It is worthy of note that, while the head of Wild prewas excessively jealous of a white kitten which divided their affections with himself, sents no special peculiarity of conforma-One day the man on the bridge saw him tion, being rather small and elegant than creeping very stealthily round to where otherwise, that of Thurtel! possesses an atrothe kitten lay asleep in the netting; sudous "facial angle," the lower Jaw, abunddealy he stretched out his hand and chuck antly furnished with great white teeth, proed her overboard before any me could in jecting hideously. Eugene Aram's head, terfere. "Jocko," said the parrator angriagain, is conspicuously small. Very curl-ous is the result of putting people's hends together. The skull of the Barcsark and ly, "was an abominable beast. I could no bear bim, he used to get drunk and play underhand tricks; still he was not of the mild Hindoo are hardly distinguishtogether bad. A spaniel on board had had pupples, with which Jocko was extremely able; while those of the negro, the New anxious to play; the mother, however would have nothing to say to him, and from the heads of white men. Horribly would not allow him to enter her den. One day, however, she had left her children Indian Archipelago, covered with paint slone for a moment, and coming back and gilding; and supremely carious are found Jocko sitting nursing all the pupples the long heads preferred by the Carths, and the flat heads admired by the tribes of together in his arms, great, fat, heavy, lun bering lumps which he could hardly lift. North America. Near these are casts of After this proof of good intention, the the brain cavity of various animals, showdog-mother used to take her walks about ing how very small in proportion are the the ship, contentedly leaving her children brains of the whale and the elephant when in his charge, Jocko sceming to conside compared with that of man, and overhead

Monkey Stories

ONE OF RALSTON'S DINNERS, - George Alfred Townsend describes one of the dinners given by the late Mr. Ralste (President of the California bank) when the great banker was living in the sunshine of prosperity. This particular dinner was given in honor of Sam Butterworth, who was about to retire from business. Sevenper relates is vouched for as true in every y-six men sat at the two tables; Raiston particular. Mr. Allen Rogers resides on at the head, with Mr. Butterworth on his right. The dinner was a Delmonico or from Reading, and his son, a little boy of a Welcker dinner, wines between the vi-eleven summers, has lately been in the ands, and only European wines; the bonntiful markets of the coast supplying arti chokes, cauliflowers, shell fish, game, filets deer, and whatever the appetite of man could desire. Conversation was the sole get no satisfactory answer, and so the fath- enjoyment, and that was free and decor ous; for the continents were assembled there. There sat Lord Campbell, the brother of the Marquis of Lorne, who married the Princess Louisa, Victoria's daughter Lord Clifford was also present, Every business house or corporation of magnicould have been computed upon the shoul The boy had taken bread with him and ders and consciences of that assembly, was feeding the snake, which at short intains;) and in the days of the first settlers hissing for more to eat. Then it would East found at such dinners as Raiston gave, occasions for an exchange of courtesies not ning calls. Here the Khediye's Jewish ambassadors were exchanging cards with the Postmaster-General of Polynesia and once uncoiled itself and raised its body Major-Gen. Somebody of the New Zenland militia had the great Panjandrum by the button hole. Without going to Raiston's, saw the soul of the Coast, the enginery exposed, the cheerful heart and great imagi-nation which overcame obstacles by the splendor of their combinations. The host much pleased with his companion that all night was quiet and unobtrusive, yet the animating presence and cause of the assemblage.

himself regularly installed as nurse .- Good

is an enormous skeleton of the "right"

whale weighing several tons. Further on

is the osseous framework of poor Chunce,

the famous elephant whose destruction at

Exeter 'Change excited so much sympa-

SNAKE STORIES are generally supposed to be synonymous with pure fiction, but

the one which a Pennsylvania wood-chop

the Blue Mountains, about three miles

habit of leaving his father's house every

morning and not returning till noon. The

parents of the boy questioned him several

times as to where he went, but they could

er followed his son one morning last week,

As the terrified father turned to leave his

boy with his deadly companion he looked

back, and the snake bearing a noise, at

with the snake, the boy said the first morn-

it; then he took it food, and he was so

made its appearance, when all fired at one

VACATIONS.-Few can question the pos-

Ing the weary, brightening the dull, and comforting the sad. When they are really needed, or have been fairly earned, no one

patience with summer recreations. They break up life; weaken the relations of

This may be an overstatement, yet there is much truth in it. The modern restless

ness which has occasioned a great deal of

our roving grows by what it feeds on. If all persons were satisfied with brief seasons

of relief from routine duties, returning to

the hard work and heavy responsibilities

of life with new cheerfulness and diligence

there would be no abuse of vacations; but

too many insist upon prolonging the time of absence to the utmost practicable extent,

and when they return it is not long before

they relapse into fatigue and canad. The appetite for play becomes ravenous, while

the relish for labor is gradually dulled,

and sad havoe is often made in domestic

life. Husbands and fathers, especially in

critical times, must keep near the scenes of

business; and although a generous man

may make no complaint, it is not a light

cross to be away from those who are dear-

est to him, week after week, and month

after month. The increased expense of a divided household living in several places

rupteies. Besides, the new friendships formed where there is full leisure for social

attentions sometimes make old friends at home, busier but not less fond or true,

seem comparatively unattractive; and so we lose one of the chief charms of life,— neighbors whom we love and enjoy,— Christian Register.

time, killing the charmer.

thy at the time .- All the Year Round,

CULTURE A MEANS, NOT AN END .- W. must not make culture an idol, as is the fushion, but regard it as merely one of the forces that go to keep the world in motion, It is a means, not an end. It is no more to be worshipped for itself than is the knowledge of the multiplication-table. We should not let ourselves be swamped in our luxuries. The man should always be sible advantages of vacations. They are often sources of pleasure and profit, restbetter than his surroundings; he should absorb what is good in them, and stand above them. It is to the credit of a man to rise purified by his experience, however bitter it may be, and certainly he should not fall into joyous self-content because he objects to them; but since they have become so fashionable that people are almost compelled to take them whether they crave better than the strength of the giant who compelled to take them whether they of them or not, something is to be said on the other aide. It might be at least as well if of curlosities, the ransacking of the globe other aide. It might be at least as well if after singularities, and the consequent selftime, reaching home at night, instead of ish thrilling with enjoyment, are not enough, Indeed, the mere enjoyment is in five-sixths of the year for the sake of a month or two of subsequent idleness. It itself idle, unproductive, and, if it interferes with work, harmful, however delightful it may be. That it is delightful no one can was not a croaker or a cynic, but a genial and sunny-faced though very earnest man deny, but just as fear of starvation is, however disguised, one of the strongest inspi rations of toil known to man, the evident danger of comfort, pleasantly won distinc home, cause a wicked expensiveness; and tion, and elegance is, that they produce sloth, or passive content with things as they sadly interrupt the order and interest of are .- T. S. PERRY, in October Atlantic.

-Some time ago, Mr. Robert Williams near this place, hearing one of his wife's ducks making a noise, as if alarmed, got out of bed and went to where she was, but could not see or hear anything. He went the second time but with the same result. He told his wife he guessed the ducks had gone erazy. Next morning, he went to where the old duck was sitting upon her eggs, under a brush pile, and, to his astonishment, he saw a large black snake coiled up under the fowl. The snake having swallowed twelve eggs, Mr. Williams cut his head off, cut him open, took the eggs out and placed them under the duck, and eleven of that dozen eggs hatched. Mr. Williams's word is as good as his bond,-

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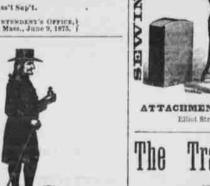
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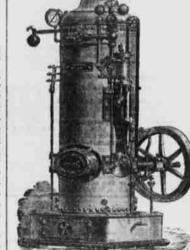
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